



University officials and the Norfolk & Western Railway Co. may discuss closing the wooden railway bridge, located north of the campus, to traffic.

Wooden bridge may face closing

By Suzie Zillner
Editor

Action may eventually be taken to close the wooden bridge between the University and North College Drive to automobile traffic. The bridge is viewed by many Maryville residents as a potential traffic hazard.

For 10 years, there has been discussion about closing the Norfolk and Western Railway Co.-owned bridge. More recently, the possibility was mentioned briefly at a Maryville City Council meeting Jan. 21.

At the meeting, Maryville City Manager Ray Hummert asked the council if it would be opposed to closing the bridge. The council members decided they would work with NWMSU officials, who have discussed with the railroad the possibility of limiting the bridge to pedestrian traffic. The Council members decided that it would be up to the University to make contact with the railroad.

"Although the railroad has maintenance responsibilities, anyone driving over that bridge can see that it has major structural problems," Hummert said.

"Basically, the city council doesn't have any objections in closing the bridge," he said. "It's really up to the University since the bridge provides an access through the University."

Hummert said the city is willing to close out its portion of the street because it is not a vital link within the city.

"The city street department will continue to visually monitor the condition of the bridge," Hummert said.

University President B.D. Owens, who discussed the bridge's future with Hummert during Christmas break, said he does not plan to contact the railroad at this time.

"We've got too many things to do right now," Owens said. "We'll just have to wait and see how the bridge holds up during the winter before we do anything," he said.

Owens said he discussed the bridge at length with railroad officials July 25, the day following the Administration Building fire.

"Needless to say, our discussion took place at a very inconvenient time, but the railroad officials from St. Louis happened to be in the area," Owens said. "The railroad would like the University to take over the bridge. But we aren't much in a situation to assume this responsibility. We just don't have that supply of money," Owens said.

Bob Rollins, assistant engineer of buildings and bridges for Norfolk & Western Railway in St. Louis, said his railroad bridges are inspected annually. Maryville's wooden bridge, built in 1948, was last inspected in April or May, he said.

Bridge inspections are essentially visual, Rollins said.

"In some cases, we hit it with a hammer and sound it for hollowness," he said.

If an inspector finds that a bridge's damage is critical, he will contact the bridge supervisor, who will then schedule repair work immediately, Rollins said.

If the bridge's damage is not critical, the damage will be listed on an annual bridge maintenance report to be repaired on a priority basis, he said.

Gene Frear, street superintendent for the city of Maryville, said last Thursday that he last inspected the wooden bridge in 1978 and was able to get the railroad to repair a slippage problem in the bridge.

"The railroad has been notified in the past year of similar problems, but they haven't done anything about it," Frear said. "I feel like they want to abandon the bridge."

Frear said he did not know what the bridge's condition is today unless he got underneath and inspected it again.

"But, if it has deteriorated like the walkway has, I would say it would be a hazard," Frear said.

Following the Thursday interview with the Northwest Missourian, Frear inspected the bridge.

"I looked at its decking and walkway and went underneath," Frear said. "I watched a few cars go over it and the bridge had no swing. It's plenty safe for car traffic, but I wouldn't put any of my equipment over it," he said.

Frear said the railroad had replaced part of the railing and had made several other repairs since he had last looked at the bridge.

"Of course, our hands are tied at this point. It's not the city's bridge," Frear said.

Dr. Robert Bush, University vice president for environmental affairs, said the bridge causes another type of hazard.

"With the speeds you have to have to get over the top of the bridge when it's slick, there's a real danger of jumping the partition and hitting a pedestrian head-on," Bush said.

One of the reasons why the street in front of the women's old dorms was changed to one-way traffic was to eliminate some of the flow over the bridge. Before the traffic pattern was changed, Bush said the largest volume of cars came between 7 and 9 a.m. and between 4 and 6 p.m. Most of this traffic, Bush said, was non-related to the campus.

At this point, President Owens said he does not know if the University would favor closing the bridge.

"We just don't know the bridge's utilization at this time, so we would have to study its utilization before any decisions are made," Owens said. "Of course, it will have to be maintained for pedestrian use."

However, if the bridge should become hazardous, Owens said he would support its closing. Presently, the bridge must be safe, Owens said, or the city engineer would close it.

"Sure it's safe, as far as we know," City Manager Hummert said. "We don't have a structural engineer to look

at it, but the final determination rests with the railroad," he said.

Railroad representative Robbins and President Owens agreed that the city of Maryville has authority to close the bridge.

"But, before it can be closed, the matter must be petitioned to the Missouri Public Service Commission, where it will issue a session order to have it closed," Rollins said.

"I suppose we could notify the railroad if we thought the bridge wasn't safe and ask them to repair it," Hummert said. "But the railroad might suggest closing it instead. Right now the bridge is designed for traffic and that's exactly what the railroad is allowing," Hummert said.

If the bridge was closed to traffic, Hummert said the road east of the University agricultural facility would probably be blocked off.

Rollins said Norfolk & Western is in favor of closing the bridge.

"Of course, we would like to eliminate any additional expenses that we can," he said. "There have been negotiations between the University and the railroad in the past, but the University has always been opposed to closing the bridge," Rollins said.

No one would say officially if the bridge has a weight limitation, although a 10 ton load limit sign is posted on the north side of the bridge.

"I don't know about any limitation," Owens said. "But I would certainly hate to take a heavy load over it right now."

"I don't recall any weight limitation, but I think the street is restricted for big trucks anyway," Rollins said.

North College Drive is not restricted to truck traffic, a spokesman from the Maryville city garage said Monday.

"I wasn't aware of any load limitation or sign," Frear said. "When I inspected the bridge last week, I came over from the other side where was no sign posted," he said.

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"Driving on it is not that bad. Walking on it is dangerous. The railings are falling apart and they are slick in the winter time. I really don't think those railroad ties protecting the catwalk could really protect a pedestrian from a car. Someone could get hurt pretty bad," Gary Cummins said.

Frear said the bridge is able to support the full 10 ton limit.

"But I wouldn't make it a habit," he said. "I think the railroad should reduce the limitation. If it was up to me, I would post a sign allowing passenger cars only, although I'm no authority on bridges. It would take a state bridge inspector to determine such a limitation," Frear said.

"Personally, I feel there's a limitation because I don't drive over it," Hummert said. "Neither do any of the city's public safety vehicles," he said.

"It seems like there should be some limitation," Bush said. "The bridge is so steep that a large truck could get hung up on top."

Dr. Mark Anderson, director of Horace Mann Learning Center, said the Horace Mann School busses no longer cross the wooden bridge.

"Crossing the bridge was never recommended, but it was made an official no-no in 1978," Anderson said.

"We just recognized it as a potential hazard situation. Now, despite the gas shortage, we'll go around the bridge."

Hummert said the bridge situation is unique to Maryville.

"On one side, the state of Missouri has authority, and on the other side, the city of Maryville, but the bridge itself is owned by the railroad," Hummert said.

Today, most railway bridges are not owned only by the railroad, Rollins said.

"Ownership dates back to the law at the time when they were laying the tracks through Maryville many years ago," Rollins said. "Now, the law has changed," he said.

In the future, Owens said he does not see the University taking over responsibility for the bridge.

"It's the railroad's problem-we just happen to be close," Owens said. "Our mission here is education-not bridge maintenance," Owens said.

Off-campus students reflect

feelings on bridge safety

The experts may know the details about the bridge on North College Drive, but the students who frequently cross have their own attitudes.

Residents of Village O, College Gardens, Northridge Apartments, as well as the men living in the Alpha Kappa Lambda and Sigma Tau Gamma Houses are most affected by the bridge.

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"But I don't think it's a very successful symbol," he said.

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IFC approves party proposal

By Lori Atkins
Managing editor

The Inter-Fraternity Council passed a proposal Monday which limits the number of open parties member fraternities can have per semester.

IFC President Jeff Cook said IFC made no revisions to the proposal which allows for only two-and-one-half open parties for each fraternity each semester following rush.

"The one-half open party would be between two fraternities," he said. "That happens a lot during the spring semester."

The proposal, presented by an IFC-appointed committee, was brought before IFC because the fraternities agreed that a problem existed with the parties, especially concerning the liabilities involved with liquor.

No open parties--parties which are open to all men and women--will be held in the houses, Cook said. Fines have been established for fraternities which fail to follow these rules.

If an open party is held in a fraternity house, the fraternity will be fined \$100 by IFC. However, closed parties may be held at the fraternity houses.

A closed party will consist of written invitations to men, Cook said.

"The written invitations can not be mimeographed or Xeroxed," he said.

Parties open to all women will be considered closed parties also, Cook said.

"We tend to have more problems when parties are open to all campus people," he said. "There are more problems with men than with women." continued on page 4

Pond skating may be allowed

Despite four signs prohibiting ice skating on the College Pond, skating will be permitted when the ice becomes safe, said Campus Safety Director James Cremer.

The signs were posted this year to insure safety, he said.

Cremer said the pond will be tested regularly by a representative from Maryville's Park and Recreation department. When four to six inches of ice are formed, the representative will certify

the pond safe for general skating, Cremer said.

When the ice permits for safe skating, the posted signs will be altered to allow community skaters.

"In December, we were within 24 hours of having enough ice to skate on, but then it warmed up," Cremer said. "The pond has warm drainage water coming into the north part of it which keeps the pond from freezing normally," he said.



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Danforth discusses draft and Mideast problem

By Lori Atkins
Managing Editor

The reinstatement of the registration for draft and the United States' problems in the Mideast were two of the main issues discussed by U.S. Senator John Danforth in a Maryville press conference Monday.

Danforth, a Missouri Republican, was in Maryville as part of a week-long state-wide trip to meet the people of the state. While in Maryville, he attended a press conference, a Republican reception at the Community Room of Farm & Home Savings hosted by the Nodaway County Federated Women and the Northwest Public Forum, held in the basement of the United Methodist Church.

Although President Jimmy Carter recently reinstated the registration for the draft, Danforth said he has not given up on a volunteer draft.

"I have a strong presumption against a peace-time draft," Danforth said. "I haven't given up on all-volunteer defense."

Danforth said the reinstatement of the registration is a symbol by Carter to show he is taking action on the situation in Afghanistan.

"But we're going to have to be open to bargaining with Russia," Danforth said.

Meanwhile, he said, the Iranian crisis is being dealt with in the correct way.

"The idea of doing nothing is the best idea now," he said.

Danforth said he supports increased defense spending, terming it a "necessity."

However, he said he is for almost any continued on page 4

CAMPUS BRIEFS

PE Career day planned

Plans are being finalized for the annual NWMSU Physical Education Career Day, set for March 19.

The highlight of the day-long program will be the awarding of the \$400 Bonnie Magill Scholarship. The scholarship will be presented to a high school senior interested in majoring in physical education at Northwest. Magill was a member of the University's physical education faculty for 33 years and was chairman of the women's physical education department upon her retirement in 1976. Deadline for applying for the scholarship is Feb. 15.

Dorothy Walker, assistant professor of physical education, and Dr. Earl Baker, professor of physical education, are sponsoring Career Day. Student chairmen are Dean Lockett and Lisa Weddington.

Guest speaker for nursing class

Carolyn Edison, RN, MN, instructor in the William Jewell College department of nursing education, will be a guest lecturer at NWMSU Feb. 25.

Edison will speak to Northwest's Issues in Nursing class and the PRN student nursing organization at 3 p.m. in room 111, Wilson Hall. The topic of her speech will be the expanding roles of nurses.

Lucido to attend medical meeting

Dr. Phillip Lucido, associate professor of biology at Northwest, will attend a meeting of COSCAMT in Kansas City Feb. 22.

COSCAMT is the Committee on Stimulating Communication in the Academic Communities of Medical Technology and involves representatives from colleges and universities and hospitals or medical centers in Western Missouri and Kansas offering programs in medical technology. Northwest offers a bachelor's degree in medical technology.

Dr. Lucido said the meeting has been called to work out minor problems in computer programming involving student applications and hospital acceptance of students for the students' final or clinical year of study.

English scholarships available

Applications are now being taken for the \$300 Frank Grube Scholarship Award.

The scholarship is open to any junior who is an English major, a member of Blue Key or a varsity tennis player. The applicants must have a 3.00 GPA or better.

Applications are also available for the Lillian Irene Gossard Johnson Memorial Scholarship Award. The scholarship, worth \$100, is open to any junior English major with at least a 3.00 GPA.

The deadline for both are March 4. Applications may be obtained from the English department.

Papers selected for review

Six undergraduate papers were recently selected as candidates for presentation at the New England Undergraduate Research Conference by NWMSU's psychology/sociology department.

Papers currently under review are by Sharon L. Anthony, Mary C. Horel, Gene McCown, Kara Thompson, Linda Orr and Donna Whiteside.

The research conference will meet in April at Providence College, Providence, R.I.

Graduate assistants named

Forty-five NWMSU graduate-level students have been granted assistantships for the current spring semester.

The graduate assistants serve as teachers and research assistants while they work on their master's degrees. For their contributions, they receive a stipend for the semester.

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Lay Away

Fair competes in state pageant

By Suzie Zillner
Editor

After letting no one but her close friend and family in on a secret, Cathy Fair, an NWMSU junior, went home to Centralia last weekend.

Fair's trip, however, was not typical of her usual visits. For when she returned to campus, Fair had been chosen Miss Audrain County.

The pageant winner now becomes eligible to compete in July's Miss Missouri pageant.

"Everyone kept trying to figure out why I was going home," Fair said. "Some people thought they knew the answer; that I was going to be engaged. Others tried to pry it out of me. But I didn't tell anyone around here but Barbie, my friend," Fair said.

Upon winning the pageant, Fair, 20, a public relations major at Northwest, received a \$750 scholarship for school, the pageant's crown, long-stemmed roses and a silver tray from the Jaycee Wives sponsor.

"It's just like a dream come true for me," Fair said. "I think I'm still in a daze."

The county pageant was held Feb. 2 in Mexico, Mo. Fair and nine other contestants were evaluated by a five-judge team. The women were scored in four categories: a seven-minute interview, on-stage personality, swimsuit competition and three-minute talent.

"The talent portion of the contest was worth about 50 percent of your total score," Fair said. "The interview came next in importance."

Fair sang the theme from "Sound of Music" for her talent presentation.

"Up until two weeks before the contest, I had planned to sing to an orchestrated recording of the song," Fair said. "So I sat in the KDLX radio station (where she works on the sales staff) and listened to 21 albums with the movie's song, but the recordings either had vocals or were played in the wrong key for me." So Fair made arrangements for Centralia accompanist Scott Sanders to accompany her on the piano.

"I certainly didn't feel overly confident," Fair said. "But I knew I had the capabilities to do it. I could do it, but I didn't know if I would," she said.

When she sings, Fair said she has a tendency to get nervous.

"So after the interviews, I went back home and performed in front of my family," Fair said. "My family is the worst audience about making me nervous. I knew if I could sing to them without getting nervous, I could sing later in the evening to the hundreds of people in the audience with little trouble."

During the interview segment of the contest, Fair said she felt comfortable.

"The judges asked questions like why I chose to sing, why I got involved with the radio station up here, and then they asked questions which dealt with current issues, career and marriage. The questions were in-depth and really made you think," Fair said.

The judges also asked Fair to describe herself in three words. Fair answered: "optimistic, outgoing, determined."

Fair said she was not actually nervous during the pageant, but classified herself as "excited nervous."

"You just never know what the judges were looking for. So, I just tried to be myself and projected what I wanted," she said. "I felt confident, but I didn't really feel like the judges were looking at me. But they must have been," she said.

Fair said she had respected the swimsuit competition.

"Of course, they were looking at our figures, but they were also looking at how each girl handled herself on the walkway, whether or not each girl is poised and how she reacts in the situation," Fair said. "Within the whole pageant, you're creating a package of yourself. The swimsuit, for instance, is different than the evening gown because the swimsuit presents a different side of one's personality than the evening gown."

Fair has had some experience in

NWMSU upgrades safety

The Campus Safety Department is in the process of exchanging bulky 20 lb. A Class type fire extinguishers with 150 five lb. ABC Class extinguishers in an attempt to upgrade fire prevention on campus.

The new ABC type dry chemical extinguishers are capable of putting out

electrical, chemical and wood fires, while the old soda/acid A Class could be used only on wood fires," Safety Director James Cremer said.

Cremer said the University will not be losing 15 pounds of fire equipment, because the 20 lb. extinguishers will be placed in other common areas.

development, that left this position vacant," President B.D. Owens said. "We are not creating another position at the expense of adding another position," Owens said.

"We were hoping not to fill this position, but with the restructuring of the management level positions, it increased the workload of business office people responsible now to this office," Owens said.

Qualifications for the position include five years experience as a manager and experience in computer applications, preferably with a bachelors degree in business or accounting. Skill in dealing with personal work relationships and decision-making ability are also necessary.

'Mainstreaming' course sponsored by NWMSU

NWMSU is currently sponsoring "Mainstreaming," an off-campus course at Braymer High School, Braymer, Mo.

The eight-week course, designed to help classroom teachers work with handicapped students who are in their regular classrooms, was approved and is funded by the State Department of Education. The course began Jan. 16, with 32 elementary and secondary teachers, counselors and administrators from schools at Braymer, Southwest of Ludlow, Gallatin and Stet enrolled. The course is from 4-8 p.m. each Wednesday.

Dr. Gerald Wright, assistant professor of elementary and special education, said he is happy with the new course.

"We're very pleased with this off-campus course," he said. "The teachers at Braymer told us what type of course they needed and we designed this one specifically for them."

Joining Wright on the teaching staff are NWMSU faculty members Dr. Mark Anderson, director of Horace Mann School; Jane Costello, assistant professor of elementary and secondary education; Dr. James Gates, professor

of elementary and secondary education; Irma Merrick, assistant professor of physical education; Dr. Henry Hemenway, associate professor of secondary education; and Nancy Riley, instructor of elementary and special education. Also on the staff are Dr. Ruth Savage, associate professor of elementary and secondary education; Dr. Gus Wegner, assistant professor of elementary and secondary education; and Betty Wood, assistant professor of elementary and special education.

The mainstreaming course covers

classroom management and provides information on federal and state funding and regulations concerning handicapped students.

Subject areas covered are mathematics, reading, science, language arts and adaptive physical education. Riley will lead a session on how to individualize instruction.

Due to the success of the course, plans are being finalized to expand these off-campus offerings to teachers in other Northwest Missouri communities, Wright said.

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Donna Gaa of the NWMSU air rifle team loads her weapon prior to target practice. Gaa is the only air rifle team member who has shot in competition.

Completion date for building of aquatic center pushed back

By Cheryl Krell

Construction of the new aquatic center, which was scheduled to be completed in the fall of 1981, has been pushed back further as the plans are being re-designed to cut expenses. The center may be completed by the spring of 1982.

The bids for the new pool which was to include a six-lane pool, three-meter and one-meter diving board men's and women's locker rooms, an observation area, rooms for pool storage, mechanical equipment and pool office, came in too high, said Dr. Robert Bush, vice president for environmental affairs.

"The new bids were over the amount appropriated by the legislature last summer," Bush said. "The cost we got

back was going to be approximately \$127 per square foot, while the national figures had estimated only about \$70 per square foot."

Bush said the University realizes that construction costs have risen 1.3 to 1.4 percent each month and that the price of stainless steel for the pool has gone up \$30,000 in a 30-day period, and the University hopes to compensate for the high prices by redesigning the plans.

"We still have the same priorities in mind in the redesigning, but there may be a few structural changes," Bush said.

Right now the plan includes a change from the balcony type of observing area to carpeted cement stairs which would cut costs considerably. There is also a plan to change the shape of the pool,

which Bush said would probably only include decreasing the volume.

"The pool will still meet NCAA requirements," he said. "The only real effect would be that it might lack some flexibility. You possibly wouldn't be able to have as many activities going on at the same time," he said.

While waiting for the redesign of the aquatic center to come through, the renovation of Lankin Gym will go on, beginning in March. These plans include improving the sound system and the efficiency of the lighting system and heating system. One of the biggest additions will be a Tartan running surface which will be installed around the basketball court.

"All of this will be done by our own people and should be completed by fall," Bush said.

ROTC forms rifle teams

By Lori Atkins
Managing Editor

The ROTC detachment at NWMSU has had more than 50 people try out for two .22 caliber rifle teams and an air rifle team, both of which began this semester.

The two rifle teams were started because of the number of University students interested in it, said Capt. John Wells, assistant professor of the military science department.

Sgt. First Class Regino Pizarro, who had been in the service for about 12 years, started the teams, Wells said. Pizarro is faculty advisor and coach for the teams.

"It's his area of interest," Wells said. "When we started getting invitations from other universities, we decided to think about the possibility of having a team."

The University purchased three Olympic-quality air rifles for the air rifle team, Wells said.

"They're of match quality and very expensive," Wells said. "Not very many universities have air rifles, but it's an up-and-coming thing."

Each team consists of four members. The top three scorers on the teams fire in each meet for the teams. The fourth member serves as a substitute.

the retention rate.

The eight .22 caliber rifle team members are Pat Pijanowski, Terry Mills, Dean Mathisen, Christy No-

vinger, Shawn Smith, Tony Snook, Charles Bithos and Les Kirkland. Jeff Vaughn, Terese Ellis, Donna Gaa and Dennis Ray are members of the air rifle team. Vaughn serves as team captain.

To be eligible to try out for the team, the student must be a member of ROTC and enrolled in one class, Pizarro said. Although the teams are full now, Pizarro said students can try out for the teams any time.

The team's first meet will be March 1 at Kemper Military Institute. Their competition during the semester will include meeting teams from universities in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma.

"Although the team is still growing, they have a pretty good nucleus," Wells said. "Their goal is to be the very best in competition, and they have the potential to be very good."

Pizarro agrees with Wells.

"It's hard to say," Pizarro said. "But they're going to be doing pretty good. They practice hard and really want to win," he said. "It'll take about one season to get a good team," Pizarro said.

Gaa is the only member of the team who has fired in competition. However, prior to joining the NWMSU team, she had competed on a .22 caliber rifle team instead of an air rifle team. Gaa fired two years for the Lafayette High School team, of St. Joseph. The first year she was a reserve, and the second year she served as captain of the team.

Team Captain Vaughn said the team's inexperience may hinder them in competition.

"I think we'll do fair to well," Vaughn said. "It's the first year, and a lot of people haven't shot in competition before."

ROTC program growing fast

The ROTC program at NWMSU is the fastest growing military science program of its kind in the nation. Now in its second year, enrollment has grown to 236 candidates from 138 in the fall of 1979 and 73 candidates in the fall of 1978.

Capt. John Wells accredited the growth to adventure trips such as skiing in Colorado and backpacking in Kansas. For these trips, the students pay only a fraction of the cost. Wells said that part of the growth is due to the nature of the class, which offers a change in curriculum that is fun, adventurous and builds self confidence.

Second-semester retention rate increases 3% for freshmen

thing was the campus becoming aware of the need for retention."

Cooper said, by overcoming the academic problems freshmen have, the retention rate may continue to increase.

"I would like to see more peer counseling where students take more active interest in their fellow students to make them feel at home," said Cooper.

Harambee celebrates Black Week

The Harambee organization is celebrating Black Week Feb. 14-17 as they sponsor Black-oriented events.

The Harambee will display black history at an open house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mar. 4 in the student office.

"We invite the students to come and get acquainted with the Harambee House," said J.J. Fulsom, president. "I hope they will participate in the events."

Activities for Saturday include an International Fashion show at 8 p.m. in the Spanish Den.

"The students are furnishing the outfits they will model," Fulsom said.

FUN Production Disco Tropics will produce a semi-formal dance following the fashion show. Cost is \$1 per person and \$1.50 per couple.

A soul food dinner will be Sunday in the Spanish Den at 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$2.50 a person, and \$3.50 per couple. Students will prepare the dinner.

"We would like more support from the other campus organizations than we have received in the past," said Fulsom. "All students are invited to celebrate Black Week with us."

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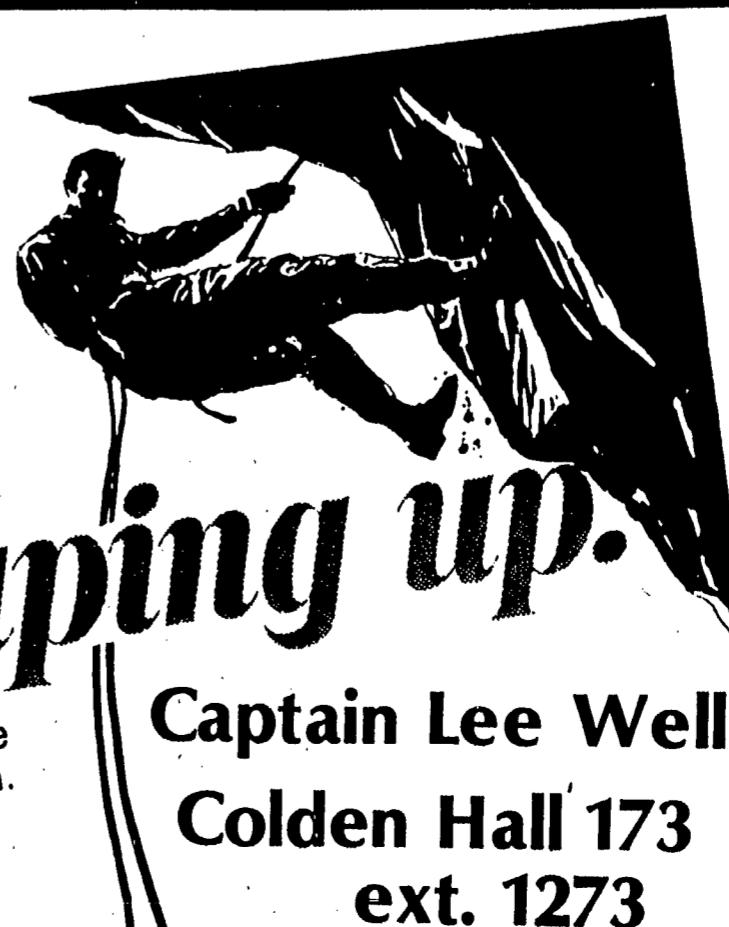
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Viewpoint

Updated inspection needed

Probably the most important question which should be raised concerning the wooden railroad bridge between the University and North College Drive is: Is the bridge safe?

In these times of tremendous technological advances, one would assume that a bridge is frequently inspected by an array of glistening machines and gadgets, measuring every accountable part.

One would certainly be astonished to learn that this bridge essentially is inspected visually by someone once a year. In some cases, the inspector does use a tool to aid him. He uses a hammer to sound boards for hollowness.

So, is this wooden bridge safe today?

Norfolk & Western Railway spokesmen answer "yes" because the bridge did pass their company's "inspection" a year ago.

University President B.D. Owens says it is safe today because, if the bridge is not safe, the city engineer would have closed it.

However, prior to the *Missourian's* interest in the bridge's condition, it had been two years since a city engineer had "inspected" the bridge.

The fact that no one seems to know when, or if, the bridge was ever tested for a specific weight limitation ought to bother frequent bridge crossers, especially.

Perhaps the city and the railroad should meet with expert engineers and determine just how much stress the wooden bridge is able to withstand. The results may show that the bridge can easily support a school bus. On the other hand, they may find that the bridge is having trouble supporting two cars crossing the bridge simultaneously.

In either case, the weight limitation for the bridge needs to be re-established and properly posted on both sides of the bridge.

Until the tests are completed and the official weight limitation is verified, perhaps we should all borrow Maryville City Manager Ray Hummert's "personal" weight limitation for the bridge--drive around it.

Suzie Zillner/Editor

★ IFC approval

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The women can be invited with more than the allotted number of posters, and men must have written invitations. This constitutes a closed party, he said.

However, if this type of party gets out of hand to the point of rowdiness, the IFC could declare it an open party and could possibly fine the fraternity, Cook said.

"It'd be a judgment on the part of IFC," Cook said. "When a party gets rowdy, it stands as an invitation to others just driving by."

A fine has also been set if fraternities

have more than the allotted number of open parties, he said.

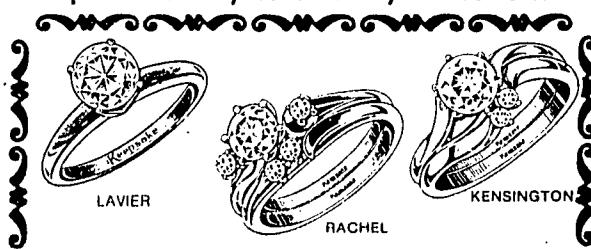
"If they go over that limit (2 1/2) and have an open party, they'll be fined \$250 per offense," Cook said.

All open parties must be scheduled with the IFC. The parties will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis, Cook said.

The new ruling is now in effect and will be used on an experimental basis for this semester, he said.

"Right now, we have the basis for a good program," he said.

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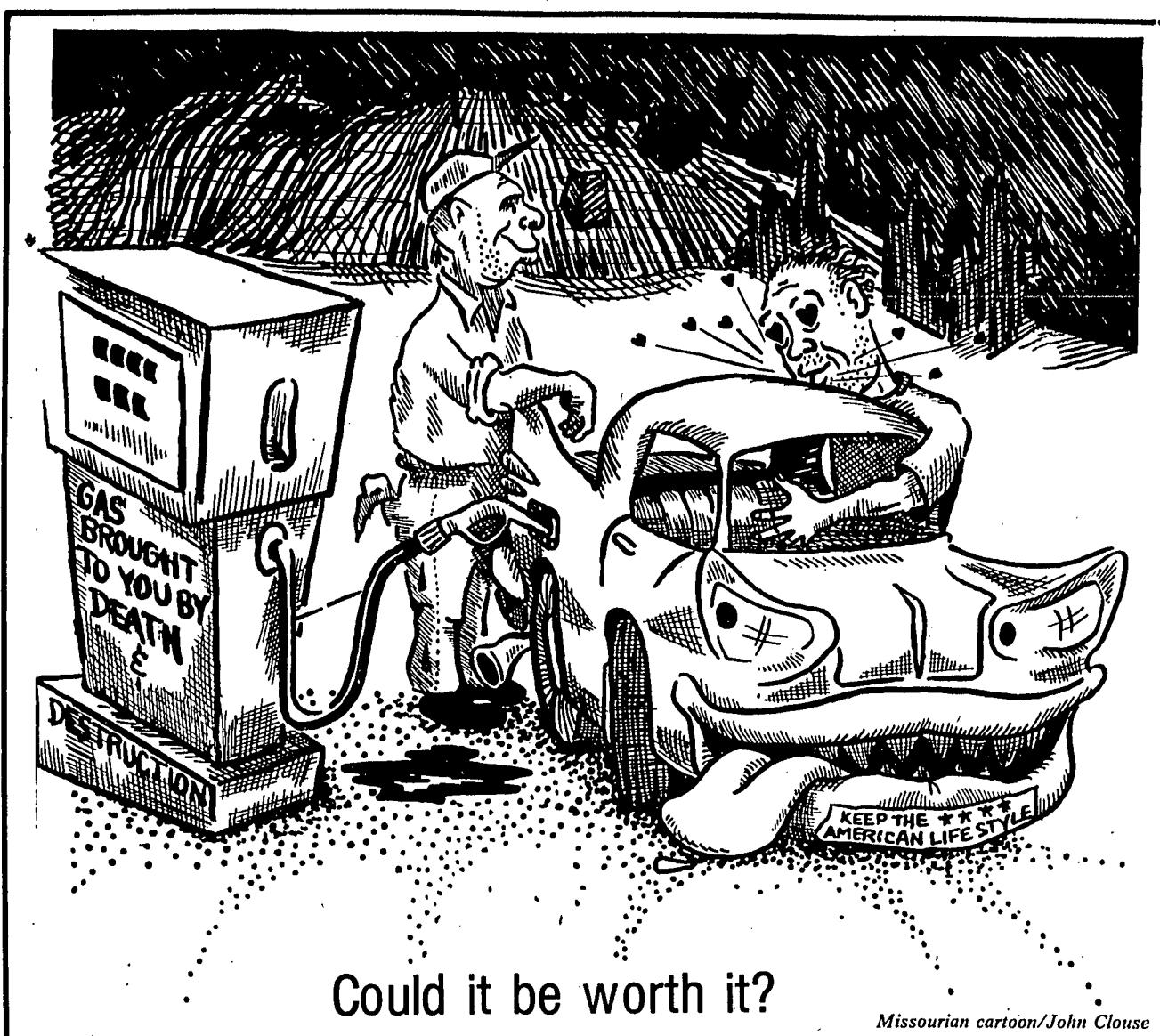
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LETTERS FROM READERS

Editor:

I read with interest last week's *Missourian* which contained an article on the recommendations for the regulation of fraternities' "open parties".

As a neighbor of one of these fraternities for several years, I was most happy to see that the problem of the open party is, hopefully, going to be remedied. The noise, traffic, empty beer cans and cups from these parties

are all nuisances for the neighborhood.

But the most serious problem has to be the practice of allowing anyone—including high school students—to attend a party where alcohol is served with no restrictions as to age.

I hope the Inter-Fraternity Council will support these recommendations and I commend the committee members for taking action that was probably not easy to do.

Name withheld by request

CAMPAIGN '80 REFLECTION AND REVIEW

By Ken Wilkie

New England winters have long had a tradition for being bitterly cold, but nothing compared to the blizzard effect which February is likely to have on the campaign of Sen. Edward Kennedy.

Kennedy came in second behind President Jimmy Carter in this week's Maine caucuses, further dousing the fire which has been lit under the Kennedy campaign. This placing, along his loss in the Iowa caucuses, has caused serious financial problems, as well as a loss of his esteem.

But Kennedy was never meant to be taken very seriously and only entered the race when he saw that the Democrats wanted to look somewhere else during the high point of Carter's stumbles. Then came the Iran crisis and Carter turned into a president, showing that he was indeed a leader and Kennedy was all but shunned by his party.

Despite this fact, however, Kennedy has at least made an effort to prove he is more than just the surviving heir to Camelot. In a speech before students at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., he attacked Carter for casting off domestic crisis by creating "war hysteria." He also urged gasoline rationing and a six-month wage-price freeze, to be followed by mandatory

controls. But, even more important to the young voters of this country, Kennedy is opposed to Carter's plan to revive draft registration.

Even with all of these stands he has taken, Kennedy has focused too strongly on attacking Carter's style. True, it would be nice to see Carter meet Kennedy face to face and defend his policies, but, in order for Kennedy to even dream of unseating a president of his own party, it is vital to let the Democrats know how he stands on all the issues.

And, speaking of issues, Kennedy has had to deal with one of the toughest. Chappaquiddick still remains in the minds of many people and doubts concerning that night have raised questions about his character. Yet, if this campaign is to remain "on the level," there should be no mudslinging as far as Chappaquiddick is concerned.

Thus, Kennedy's campaign does not ride on this ordeal, but on how well he can sell himself to the Democratic party. Thus far, he seems to be what the liberal left edge of America's politics are looking for.

The New Hampshire primary looms in the distance and, if Kennedy does not win on his own home turf, there is no need for him to go any further. It would only cause a wide rift among Democrats, and too many of them already believe he is all show and no go.

Editor:

High rise usually implies new or modern, but Franken Hall reminds us of a backwoods shack. The residents are subjected to cruel and inhuman punishment every morning with ice cold showers, but sometimes are even grateful for these freezing showers since many of them are broken and all made for people under four feet tall.

Getting to the shower is also an ordeal since the hallways are as filthy as a dump. And God only knows what you end up dragging to your room, stuck to the bottom of your feet.

Two-hundred ten dollars a semester is a lot to pay for half of a room. The residents should at least be able to expect clean halls, bathrooms, laundry room, and especially the stairs, which look like they are cleaned once every 15

years. Apartment dwellers may have problems with landlords, but when something is broken, it is eventually repaired. The rule at Franken is: once it's broken, forget it.

There seems to be plenty of money for sidewalks, but none when it comes to adequate maid service and repairs.

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★ Danforth

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tax-relief bill to help keep the money with the people.

"The government has been dominating the country," Danforth said. He accused government of growing too large and not letting the rest of the country expand.

"The administration is following policies that continue to put dead weight on the people," Danforth said.

Danforth said he is for the use of nuclear energy, another of the country's major problems.

"We have to use nuclear energy," he said. "But we have to use it safely."

Danforth is for energy alternatives, he said, including nuclear expansion and fusion, an alternative which he sees as way down the road.

"You can't name an alternative I'm not for," he said. "We have to recognize we do have a problem. It's a national problem that will not go away.

But he is optimistic about the problem. Energy, he said, like in so many other problem situations, will rise to meet its demands.

"We're overly dependent on Mideast oil," Danforth said. "So we're very vulnerable."

Danforth, who will go back to Washington, D.C., Sunday, had been to other Missouri cities Monday, including Kirksville, St. Louis, Trenton and Moberly.

ENTERTAINMENT

1st new theater since '45 to open

The first new theater since 1945 will open in Maryville with the twinning of the Missouri Theater scheduled for Feb. 29.

The two new auditoriums will be called the Missouri Twin Cinema. The conversion of the current balcony to a theater will take approximately three weeks.

"Our first show in the new theater will probably be something like *The Black Hole*," said Brian Wunder, manager of Cinema Entertainment, Inc.

The new theater, Cinema II, will seat 300 while the lower one, Cinema I, seats 350. An acoustic contractor is putting in a sound-proof wall between the two theaters. Both theaters will have automated projection and Cinema will have four-channel sound.

Cinema II will also be remodeled for the opening.

"Hopefully, we'll be getting newer films and be able to show more extended runs, so people will have more than seven days to see a film," said Wunder.

Wunder also stressed the need for hometown entertainment.

"Our hope is having an up-to-date theater will cut down on the need to drive to St. Joe and spend 15 dollars on gas and a show," he said.

There were several reasons for the construction of a second auditorium in the Missouri Theater.

"Our business was substantially up last year," said Wunder. "The trend today is to smaller theaters offering more products. That way someone can go to an entertainment complex and have a choice of what he wants to see."

Wunder said television and the recession are reasons why movie attendance is up.

"Television is really bad lately so people have to go out for entertainment," said Wunder. "It seems to follow that theaters do better during a depression. People need an escape to forget high taxes, inflation, etc. Movie production is also up. There's a lot of good films out."

Wunder's plan is to have two types of programming in each theater. The films will be staggered about 30 minutes apart.

"Hopefully, we'll run a family film in one auditorium and an adult movie in the other," he said.

The most recent theater, the Missouri, was built in 1945 and the Tivoli is about 50 years old.

Steppin' Out

'Up in Smoke' fries freaks



Up in Smoke stars Cheech Marin and Tommy Chong, better known as the comedy duo of Cheech and Chong. The pair have had five albums, but this is their first movie.

even if you're not, but like to laugh, it's for you.

University Cinema is presenting *Up in Smoke* and admission is \$1. The film is rated R.

"10" will be held over through Feb. 21 at the Missouri Theater. The show begins at 8 p.m. and admission is \$2.25. "10" is rated R.

Sunburn, a detective film, is showing at 8 p.m. beginning Feb. 13 at the Tivoli. The movie stars Farrah Fawcett-Majors, Charles Grodin, Art Carney and Joan Collins. Admission is \$2.50 and it is rated PG.

Phi Mu Alpha, NWMSU's music fraternity, is presenting a dance at 9 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Legion Hall. Festival, a big band, will provide the music and admission is \$2.

Maryville cabin fever can get contagious around February, but there are activities to make the weekend go faster. The gym, pool and track are open from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday to work off some of that after vacation flab.

Cheech Marin [right] dons a pink tu-tu and Tommy Chong dresses as a large red Quaalude at a Marathon Rock Fight of the Century in *Up in Smoke* at Horace Mann Auditorium this week. It is presented by Union Board.

By Janice Corder
Entertainment Editor

Satire of the late 60s drug culture is the theme of *Up in Smoke*, showing at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 through 17 at Horace Mann Auditorium.

Most of the action in *Up in Smoke* is totally absurd, but funny. Ridiculous scenes like seven nuns busted for smoking in a station wagon, an old flower child who accidentally snorts several ounces of Ajax through a straw and a pot-tracking dog who dies instantly after smelling Pedro and Man are typical of the whole movie.

Up in Smoke may not be for everybody, but if you're into drugs or

Book Review

'Second Generation': Identity hunt

By Linda Zimmerman
Staff Writer

Second Generation by Howard Fast, author of *The Immigrants*, is a fictional novel that revolves around Barbara Lavette's life which she spends searching for her identity.

On the other hand, Barbara's mother, Jean Seldon Lavette Whittier, lives with Barbara's stepfather, John Whittier, in a San Francisco mansion. The Whittier family, ironically, is the largest ship owner on the West Coast. Jean Whittier is also president of the Seldon Bank.

Barbara's inheritance of stock from her grandfather complicates her search for her identity. After hearing Barbara's explanation, "I must know who I am, and I cannot know that until I am rid of that wretched money," her lawyer tells her how difficult it would be to give away her 14 million dollars. The two finally decide to establish a foundation to award grants for worthwhile causes.

After relieving herself of the money, Barbara attempts to pull herself even farther from the rich by working as a volunteer at a soup kitchen for longshoremen who are striking against such ship owners as Barbara's stepfather.

Still trying to find the meaning of her life, Barbara travels to a school in France, but she discovers that she "just doesn't have the character of a student." Just before she is about to

give up and go back to the United States, Barbara meets the editor of *Manhattan Magazine* who soon hires her to write a correspondence column from Paris.

While in Paris, Barbara meets Marcel Duboise, also a journalist, with whom she falls in love. Just when Barbara feels contentment and security in her life, Marcel is torn away from her during a war correspondent assignment.

Although Barbara is convinced that her life is over, she soon finds that it continues with her involvement in such events as being arrested by the Gestapo in Germany, writing a novel, seeing thousands of famine victims lying on a street in Calcutta and experiencing the traumas of World War II.

This 445-page paperback is a fast-moving story. Although few people may experience the types of problems Barbara does, readers of the book will feel as if they actually knew the Lavette family. The story links war, love, wealth, poverty and many more elements in a believable plot that almost anyone would enjoy.

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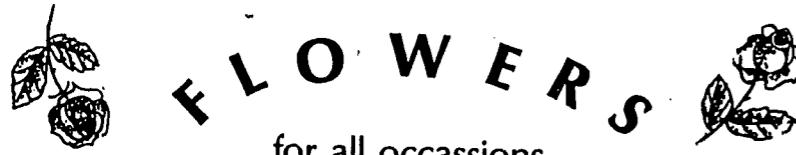
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your thoughts are not profound, but you always do your
duty. You're a darned good
ol' coon-hound.
From K.F.

To Horace Mann 5th grade,
Happy Valentines Day.
From Stephanie

Happy Valentines,
To all the fine,
upstanding women
of the Broadcast Services
Center, KDLX & KXCV.
Tim



Mark,
I love you. Happy Valentines
Day.
Cindy

Dave, Happy Valentines
Birthday,
Love, Karen

Happy Valentine's day to
Kevin H, Jeff S., Kelley S,
Dennis S.
From the H Club

To the man of our nitemares,
You really "crack" us up,
You know how to make our
cup runneth over with over-
work.
Love--no not really-- Your
friends--well not quite--how
bout just, Insincerely, The
Missourian Wednesday night
crew.
P.S. Thanks for the cookies,
Mrs. Kruckeberg.

Dear White Tornado:
Sing a song,
Dance a dance,
Come around,
We'll give it a chance.

Happy Valentines Day
Mom & Pop
(Suzie & Mooner)
Love Kelly

Chris,
Even though your aren't here
you're still my Valentine.
Hope you like your present.
Happy V. day today &
forever.
Love you,

Lisa



To Wood,
Happy Valentines Day!
With all my love,
Kathy

Happy Valentines Day.
Carole and Phoenix,
Love Dave and Max

Craig,
I love you. Happy Valentines
Day.
Brenda

Dear White Tornado,
You put a song in my heart

To Mark:
Happy Valentine's Day!
From Suzie

To Rod: (who works in the
gamerom)
Happy Valentines Day!!!
Love, Your Secret Admirer

Dear White Tornado,
I know you like a drinkee,
You get a little kinky.
You almost curl my hair.
So cutdown on your drinks
Protect the Sphinx.
And we'll see you in a year.

To: Jane and Lori Sue (214)
Happy Valentines Day and
when you least expect it,
expect it!!!
Signed; T K P

Cheryl,
May I fill your heart with
love, as you do mine.
Love Tony

To "Coach"
Will you be my Valentine?
The "Kid"

Cindy
Happy Valentines Day.
Hope this is as good as a
Hallmark card.
Greg

Roses are red,
Tornado's are white
When you come around
You blow out my light.

To Horace Mann 2nd grade,
Happy Valentines Day.
From Jeremy

To Pajamas:
Why don't you sleep in my
bed?
Signed Pigwoman

Happy valentines Day
to my TKE pop, Dave
Love your daughter,
Kelly

Cindy R.
Lonely child be my lover.
Fred

To: M.B.C.
A friend today, tomorrow and
forever...
Happy Valentines Day.
Love: T.S.C.

Totoo,
I love you more
than stuffed animals,
plants, and plain cheese-
burgers.
Angel

Happy Valentines Day
To the live-in staff
of the "Do Drop Inn,
But Don't Drop out"
No-Tell Motel Suite.
Love, Chicken Man



Catch my heart in your next
twist through town White
Tornado

Paul,
Happy Valentine's Day
Love, Kochina

Dear Craig,
Happy Valentines Day!
Are you still going to be mine
after the romance is gone?
Or is it already?
I love you anyway!

Love, Wendy

Glad you're back White
Tornado.

Here's to you White Tornado,
I love you more than my
bacon & tomato
Your touch has never left
My heart
And when you blow back
I know we'll never part.

Happy Anniversary to Bruce
and Brenda.
From Angel

Dearest White Tornado:
Blow through again sometime



Happy Valentines Day, Jack.
Love, Jill

To R.P.
When I see your face
My heart beats so
My answer to you
Will never be no.
Love, D.P.

Happy Valentines Day
To the Men of Tau Kappa
Epsilon
from the Daughter of Diana!!

Happy Valentine's Day.
To Terry, Patty, Barbara &
Lisa,
From Vickie

Dear White Tornado,
You put a new step in my
dance.



Donovan selected for Up with People

Kickoff date for 75th Anniversary set for March 25

The kickoff date for celebrating NWMSU's 75th anniversary will begin at 10 a.m. March 25 with a convocation in the Charles Johnson Theater of the Fine Arts building.

In 1905, Missouri Governor Joseph Folk signed into legislature a state school for Northwest Missouri.

Mattie Dyke, professor emeritus of English and who wrote *Behind the Breches*, a 50-year history of NWMSU, will be invited to participate along with Gov. Joseph Teasdale and former President Robert P. Foster, a representative from the coordinating board for higher education.

The 75th anniversary celebration of historical days will continue through homecoming Oct. 11.

NWMSU's 75th anniversary committee, chaired by Robert Sunkel, head of the division of fine arts, has announced these scheduled events:

April 1-Historical architecture program, evening.

April 2-Ceremony celebrating the inclusion of the Thomas Gaunt House in the National Register of Historic Places, morning.

April 10-University production of the American opera, "The Devil and Daniel Webster," 8 p.m.

April 13-University Chorale Concert, 3 p.m.

April 17-University production of "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie," 8 p.m. Production will continue through April 20.

April 24-University Jazz Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m.

April 27-University Tower Choir Concert, 8 p.m.

May 10-Commencement.

Sept. 12-Board of Regents Meeting commemorating the first meeting of the Board of Regents on Sept. 12, 1905.

Sept. 24-Formal Anniversary Convocation.

By Debbie Pule
Staff Writer

Joe Donovan will begin a five-week training session with Up With People, an international musical stage show, July 7 in Tucson, Ariz. Then he will perform 10 months with the troupe of young entertainers.

Donovan will be one of the 550 men and women representing 23 countries who make up the group. Each cast member is a student ranging in age from 18 to 26.

"Up With People is something different that I couldn't do any other time because I am in a position where I am not sure where I want to go," Donovan said.

Up With People members pay \$4,500 tuition, but during the 10 months, the students travel an average of 35,000 miles around the world. In each place the group performs, three members stay with a host family for three days.

"I don't speak any other language but English, and I don't speak that very well, so staying with foreign families will be the greatest challenge of all," Donovan said.

Donovan became interested in the group when three members stayed with his family and one of them kept writing him.

"When Up With People was in Des Moines, I stayed for an interview. They asked me questions like why I would like to be in the group and if I could handle being away from my family and friends. You don't even have to be able to sing and dance," Donovan said.

After six interviews Donovan was told he was accepted.

"The hardest thing will be missing people, my friends and girlfriend," he said. "I'm sure a lot of nights I won't sleep worrying about leaving them, especially the ones who don't want me to go."

Donovan can earn up to 18 credit hours by selling tickets and writing reports while he's away, he said.

"Every place I go I'll live with a family," Donovan said. "Going places and meeting people is a lot more to learn than in one year of college."

Up With People was designed in 1968 as a non-profit, international education program with a double purpose: to build bridges of understanding and communication among peoples, cultures and countries; and to give young people a learning experience that not only broadens the intellect, but matures the person.

Though the ability to sing and dance are not a requirement to join the group, Donovan has had experience in singing for the NWMSU Tower Choir, Choral Choir and in last year's musical, "Damn Yankees." He also sent a tape of songs to audition for a solo part in the Up With People program.

The group performs international folk songs and dances, a medley of hit tunes from the past 50 years and a look at the future through the original compositions of Up With People's professional staff of writers.

"Singing songs in five different languages won't be bad," Donovan said. "Living out of a suitcase and working 20 hours with only five to six



Missourian Photo/Kelly Hamilton

Joe Donovan has been selected to go on a tour with Up With People, an international singing group. He will be gone 10 months with only a Christmas vacation.

"I'll come back and at least I'll understand what I want to do," Donovan said.

hours of sleep at nights won't be bad either. It will be the best experience of my life," he said.

Kristi Iglesias, a member of the Maryville Kip Kittens gymnastics team won her way to the state gymnastics meet in Springfield Feb. 9, with her performance in the all-around competition at the zone meet in Kansas City. Iglesias scored 33.05 points to qualify for the position.

The Kip Kittens are coached by Sandi Mull, assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation at NWMSU. A season closing optional exhibition meet will be held on March 1 at 10 a.m. in Martindale Gym.

Iglesias is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Iglesias of Maryville, and is also a student of Washington Middle School.

SAD sponsors anti-draft meeting

By Andre A. Jackson
Staff Writer

The resist-the-draft movement that is spreading to college campuses across the nation reached NWMSU Tuesday evening, as a group of about 20 students met in the Maple Room of the Student Union to discuss the issue.

The meeting was sponsored by SAD, Students Against the Draft, and was chaired by charter members Don Wallace and Randy Wheeler, with Dr. Bob Nagle as adviser.

The meeting began with Wallace and Wheeler explaining why they were opposed to the resumption of the draft. They said that the draft was unnecessary unless the United States or some country supporting the United States was actually attacked.

Their comments led to emotional replies from those assembled, and several times the issue of the draft itself was set aside as discussions of foreign policy, military strategy and moral obligations took center stage.

The main issue of the meeting was "Why go to war over the Persian Gulf?" Wallace said that American oil interests were a poor excuse to restart the draft.

However, a few persons attending the meeting said the United States should



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Randy Wheeler and Don Wallace of Students Against the Draft [SAD] answers questions during the organization's first meeting Tuesday night.

draw the line on Soviet expansionism and the draft was necessary to get the military force to check the Soviets.

Wallace and Wheeler said that foreign countries must sign alliances with the United States before we considered defending them.

The hour-long meeting was the first one held by the new organization, and others are planned for the future.

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Tourney slated for Feb. 25-29

The boy's and girl's Class A district basketball tournament will be held Feb. 25-29 in Lamkin Gymnasium beginning at 5 p.m. on Feb. 25.

Holt County of Mound City was seeded first for the boys and Fairfax High School was seeded first for the girls. The top seeds were awarded at a

meeting of the participating coaches, coordinated by Bob Gregory, assistant director of athletics at NWMSU. Fairfax was followed in the seedings by Northeast Nodaway, of Ravenwood, Jefferson of Conception Junction and North Nodaway of Hopkins. In the boys' seedings, following Holt County, were

Craig, Northeast Nodaway and Nodaway-Holt of Graham.

Semi-finals will be played on Feb. 28 with the girls' games at 5 and 8 p.m. and the boys' games at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. The girls' championship is at 7 p.m. on Feb. 29 and the boys' battle for the district title is at 8:30.

Like teacher, like student

Poll reveals campus views

By Janice Corder
Entertainment Editor

Despite the differences between students and their instructors, a scientific poll taken by NWMSU's public opinion and propaganda class revealed there isn't much difference in their attitudes about politics and general studies.

The poll was a random number, scientific sampling of 225 students and about 85 percent of the faculty. It was taken by the fall 1979 class taught by Dr. Richard Fulton, associate professor of political science.

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One question asked who the individual would vote for for president. The republicans were split broadly among the candidates, but Senator Edward Kennedy was the most popular of the Democrats with students and faculty.

"You have to remember that this poll was taken before the Iranian crisis and Afghanistan crisis," Fulton said.

"On the issue of Equal Rights Amendment, gun control and the legalization of marijuana, the faculty and student opinions were fairly close."

Both faculty and students were strongly for ERA, with about 70 percent. Fifty-five percent of the students were for some form of gun control, as were 64 percent of the faculty. On the legalization of marijuana, 49 percent of the students and 55 percent of the faculty were against such a change.

General questions about the University were also asked.

"Both students and faculty rate the school very high," Fulton said. "Eighty percent of the students said the school is good or excellent, and 85 percent of the faculty did also."

The general questioning also revealed that 83 percent of the students and 87 percent of the faculty read the *Northwest Missourian*.

Most of the questions concerned Northwest's general education requirements.

"There were some problems with these questions because we were asking questions about something people don't usually think about much," Fulton said.

"We got mostly kind of moderate answers, but the faculty were a little more satisfied than the students."

Two thirds of the students said the general courses are just right; 20 percent said they are too hard, while 20 percent of the faculty said they are too easy.

Since half of the faculty do not teach general requirement courses, they had many unsure responses.

"On a great many of these questions, students and faculty had opinions that were very much alike," Fulton said.

English composition was rated as the most useful general requirement class by both students and faculty and only 12 percent of the students said there was another general class needed.

"Generally speaking, the students are not as enthusiastic about the humanities classes as the faculty," Fulton said.

On a question concerning the four required activity credits, about 40 percent of the students and faculty said this requirement is okay. Sixteen percent of the students and 20 percent of the faculty wanted to make all P.E. courses optional. The majority of both groups wanted some change in activity requirements.

Fulton said he was not sure if his class would survey the whole University each year. Sometimes the class surveys the American government classes at NWMSU.

"This survey was very carefully controlled, using scientific techniques so that the error factor is fairly small," Fulton said. "A good part of the course is how to conduct surveys."

'I think that I shall never see . . .'

A tree in front of Colden Hall glistens with new-fallen snow.



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'Kittens split over weekend

By Don Reed
Staff Writer

The Bearkitten basketball team met two big eight opponents this past week and came away 1-1, losing to the University of Missouri by a score of 81-47 then bounced back to take a 77-68 decision over Iowa State.

The squad traveled to Columbia Feb. 9 and was mauled by the Tigers, primarily due to cold shooting. It was the 'Kittens' worst performance of the season, according to Wayne Winstead, head coach.

"The MU team was very, very intense. They played like a machine putting out 40 minutes of good basketball," Winstead said. "You can't take anything away from them, but the fact that we couldn't hit the basket in the second half, making only 7 of 41 from the field, really hurt us."

Overall the 'Kittens' hit 22 percent from the field in the contest.

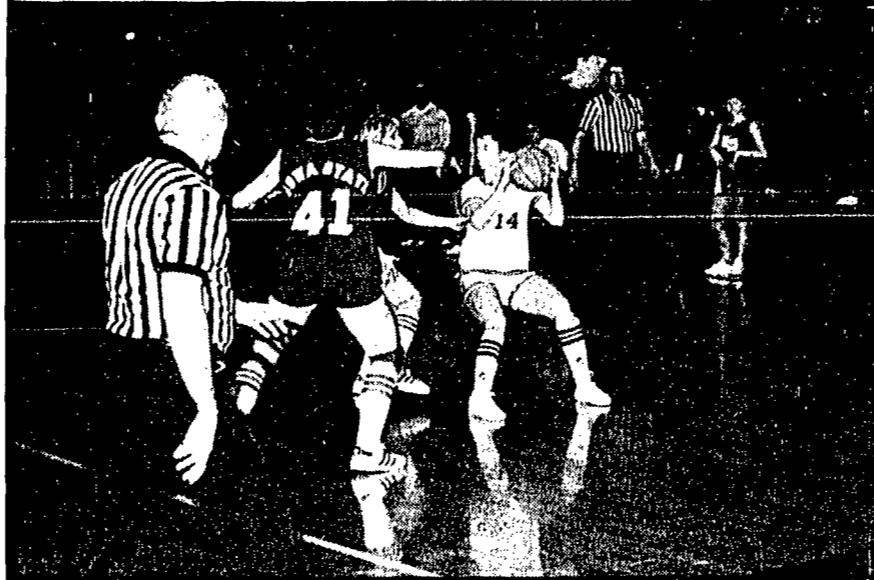
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Feb. 11 at Lamkin Gym the 'Kittens' regrouped to defeat the Iowa State Cyclones.

"Coming into the game we felt we were struggling mentally and physically. We had a short team meeting and practice Sunday and we decided to get it together," Winstead said.

The 'Kittens' got it together early in the contest, jumping to a 13-2 lead in the first six minutes. The team utilized an effective half-court press to trip up the Cyclones, who committed 27 turnovers in the contest.

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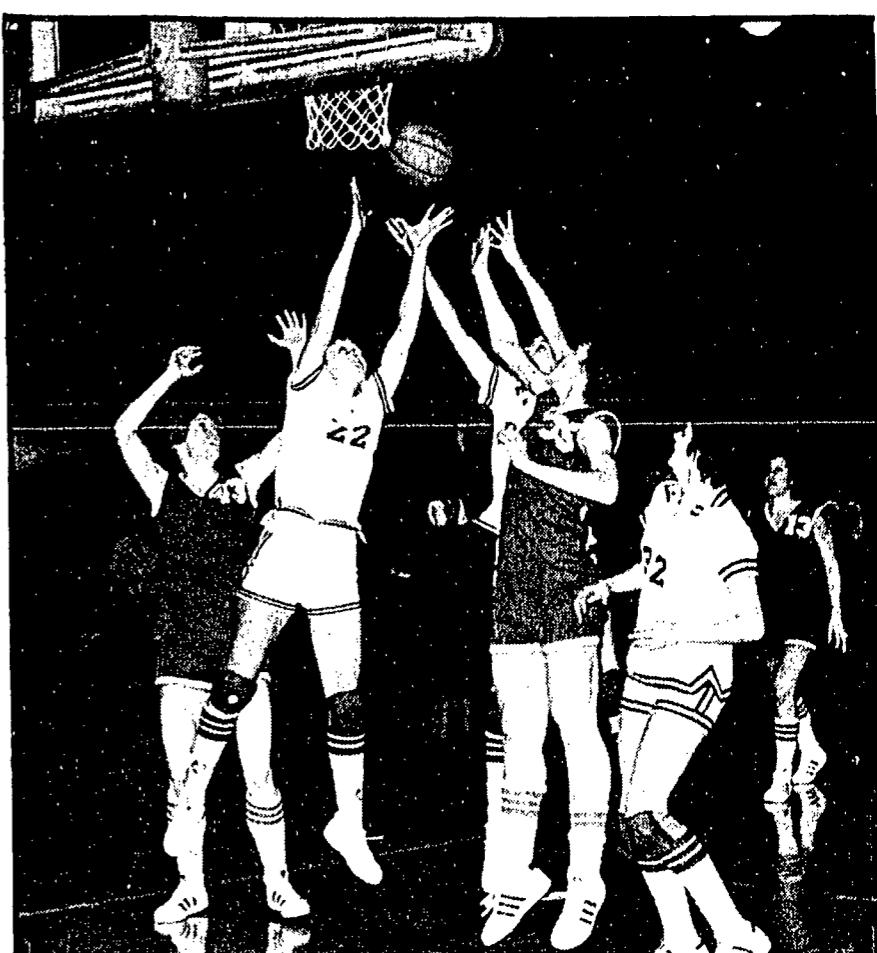
Left: Teresa Gumm [14] eludes two Iowa State players in the 'Kittens' 77-68 victory. Right: Patty Painter leaps above the crowd snaring a rebound while Jodi Giles looks on.

39-30, and that margin stood at the final buzzer as the two teams played evenly in the second half.

Three 'Kittens' netted 19 points in that game. They were Jodi Giles, Teresa Gumm and Painter. Chadwick

also had a good game on the boards, pulling down 15, and Painter had 11.

The Bearkittens improved their record to 17-6 with the win, while the Cyclones, who have dropped nine in a row, fell to 6-15.



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This weekend the 'Kittens' will host the University of Iowa in a Region 6 game.

"This game is important because they're in our sub-regional. If we don't beat them, it will be hard to get a spot at the Sub-Regional Championships," Winstead said.

The Sub-Regional Championship will be held Feb. 28-Mar. 1 in Lincoln, Neb.

'Cats almost topple Central Mo. Mules

By Randy Poe
Staff Writer

The Bearcats split a pair of MIAA cage contests over the past week, starting out with a victory over Southwest Missouri on Feb. 8, then dropping a contest to the MIAA front runner and nationally ranked Central Missouri State University on Feb. 10.

The next game will be Saturday, Feb. 16, in Lamkin Gym when the 'Cats host Southeast Missouri State. Southeast clipped the 'Cats in overtime earlier in the year and although they don't figure into the conference race because of recruiting violations, Sinn regards the club as a sound ball team.

"Southeast has some quality players and it should be a good ball game," said Sinn.

The Bearcat squad made an effort in trying to knock off their third-ranked Division II Mules, but came up just short in their comeback try, 69-66. The loss dropped the 'Cats to 15-8 on the year and to 4-4 in loop play. Central, meanwhile, moved to 20-1 and 7-1 in MIAA action, and also retained its number one ranking it had previously lost.

The 'Cats trailed by as many as 21 points in the first half and had the chore of trying to catch the Mules in the second half as the Mules sported a 45-31 intermission lead.

"We lost a little confidence in the first half," said Dr. Lionel Sinn, head coach. "They were getting some easy baskets and we couldn't get the ball to drop."

Forward Mark Adams climaxed an effective second half rally that saw the 'Cats get the first nine points of the half, sinking a shot to put the 'Cats up by a 58-57 count.

"We had our backs to the wall," Sinn said. "They played hard and everything was going right in the second half," he continued.

Sinn also believes that the press and good defense by Adams and Russ Miller sparked the 'Cats to their comeback.

"Miller and Adams played strong defense against Central. We held them to only 24 second half points, and they were averaging 47 a half," he said.

The Mules kept their cool, however, and went back on top. That was the key point in the ball game, according to Sinn.

"If we had stopped them from scoring when we were up by one, we could have gone into four corner offense," Sinn said. "The guys really have a lot of confidence in it, and with only four minutes remaining, it could have been very effective."

A Bearcat record was set in the game when Mark Yager became NWMSU's all-time assist leader with a total of 124. That total breaks the previous mark of 121 set by Alan Bubalo in the 1975-76 season.

"You could have heard a pin drop in that place when we were dominating them," Sinn said. "I was as proud of my players then as I have been all season--they played real well."

In the win over Southwest Missouri, Tyler and Yager keyed the attack with 20 points each, as the 'Cats broke a 13-game string of MIAA road losses, but continued a four game streak over the Bears.

Snow cancels last home wrestling meet

By Stuart Osterthun
Staff Writer

honors in the triple jump with a distance of 45' 6". Teammate Tim Albers also had second place honors, he finished the 60 yard high hurdles in 7.86. Tim DeClue, a favorite to win the high jump, finished second with a jump of 6' 6". Flanagan said DeClue should improve for the upcoming conference match.

The 'Cat relay team of Bill Goodin, Keith Youngblood, Brian Murley and Greg Frost took third place, finishing the race in 10:21.81. A fourth place was awarded to the two mile relay team of Frost, Goodin, Murley and Mike Frost.

The indoor track team will compete in a intersquad meet Friday afternoon in preparation for the upcoming conference meet and the Missouri State Title Meet.

Heavy snow last week prevented the Fort Hays State University wrestling team from participating in a dual with the Bearcats Feb. 8 in Lamkin Gym.

Gary Collins, head coach, said the dual will not be rescheduled due to Fort Hays' participation in regionals and the heavy meet schedule of the Bearcats.

The 'Cats take a 5-7-2 dual record into tonight's clash with Central of Oklahoma, the number one team in the NAIA. The meet will be held in Edmond, Okla.

"They're tough. They have one national champ and several All-Americans. They've wrestled some of our MIAA opponents and have won pretty handily," said Collins.

Injuries are still a problem for the team and will hurt the 'Cats in the Central Oklahoma dual.

"We're still a little hurt right now and will have to forfeit the 126 lb. and the 190 lb. matches. We could be ready though, by the conference meet," said Collins.

The Central Oklahoma meet is the final one in preparation for the conference meet in Warrensburg, Mo., Feb. 23.

the course of the year 44 miles of tape will have been used.

"Right now is the busiest time of the year for us," said Miller. "When you add up all the sports going on--basketball, indoor track, wrestling, baseball, winter football and intramurals--we're pretty busy."

Despite what could be a chaotic situation, a relaxed atmosphere exists in the training room.

"We feel we have a good relationship with the kids," said Miller. "There are no discipline problems. There is a positive attitude."

Miller attributes much of the program's success to what he terms "a dedicated, hardworking staff."

"We've been real lucky with the people we've got. Bob Marley, Scott Hess, John Hay, Kurt Rieter and our graduate assistant, Jeff Pottoff, have done a super job," he said.

"Barb Schendel, women's head athletic trainer, and her staff of Janie Helzer and Amy Rieter have also been an important factor with the new co-ed training program. There is a tremendous amount of time and work put in by these people. We have no scholarships to offer, no extras. You really have to enjoy what you're doing."

One recent addition to the training room was the purchase of an Orthotron, a rehabilitation machine.

"It's hard to imagine how we rehabilitated without it," said Miller. "It's probably the best thing we ever bought. We're now able to get a more accurate stand on how far the kids have progressed."

of course, in order to use the Orthotron, an injured athlete is needed.

"Nobody in the athletic profession likes to see serious injuries, but they happen," said Miller. "Even though we haven't found a way to prevent them, no modern medicine has progressed to the point where we can now repair injuries that we couldn't 10 to 15 years ago."

An example of this is the commonly seen knee injury, an athlete's and coaches' nightmare.

"Once you had a knee injury you were history. Today not only can the knee be repaired, but often the athlete can return to athletic competition," said Miller.

"When the diagnosis reveals that knee surgery is required, we explain to the student what the surgery is about and why they need it. By using a model



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Sandy Miller tapes one of the many ankles that pass before him through the year.

of knee we show what will be done. It is also explained that if surgery is not performed, there is a risk of arthritis and various other side effects. Mother nature can only heal to a certain point, after that it takes a physician's skill to complete the repairing," said Miller.

Unlike schools and professional teams that exploit the use of surgery and drugs to give their athletes an advantage, Miller places the welfare of the student above everything else.

"When something happens concerning drugs and athletics, it's always in the news," said Miller. "It's hard to detect how much is going on. Concerning unnecessary surgeries, there probably aren't many, but in today's competitive athletics, you want all the edge you can get. I don't believe we've had any here at NWMSU. We're

looking at the student as an individual first and an athlete second. We've had students that have had successful surgeries and didn't go back out for sports," he said.

Despite all the medical improvement, Miller is faced with two drawbacks: inadequate training facilities and the lack of an orthopedic surgeon in Maryville.

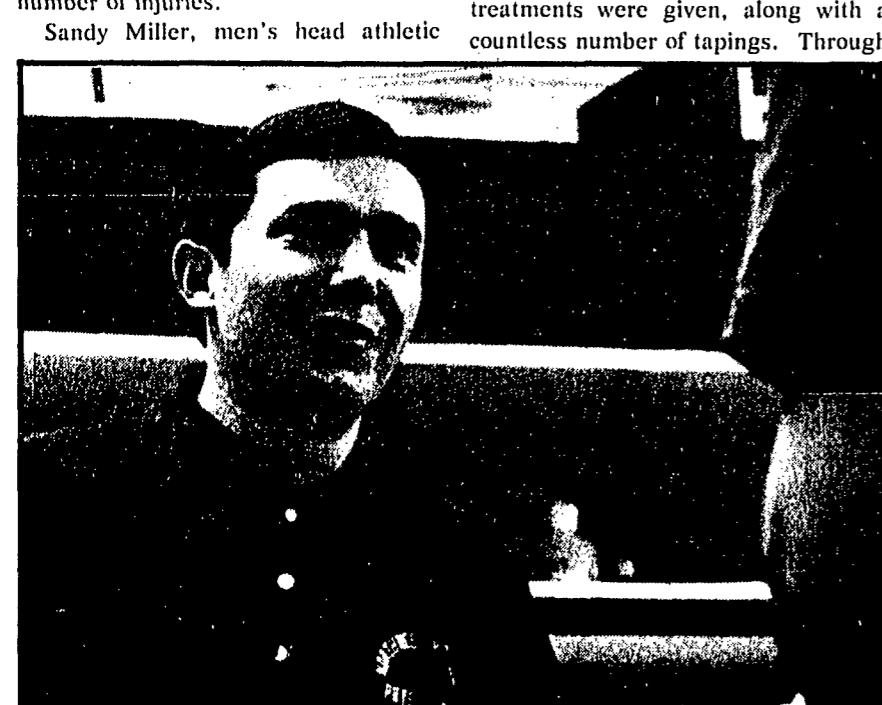
"Our facilities are too small for the program we try to run. We're now going co-ed as far as the facilities will let us. With the overlapping of seasons, right now is the busiest time of the year for us. Almost every sport is practicing. Trying to operate completely out of this room (the men's training room) is almost impossible at times," said Miller.

"There are plans right now for improving our facilities, but we need changes now to provide adequate care," he said.

Miller's other problem concerning the lack of an orthopedic surgeon in Maryville is something that he has no control of.

"The lack of an orthopedic surgeon is definitely a drawback. To compensate for the problem we have to go to Kansas City. The local physician has worked closely with us and given great support though," he said.

While committees debate over how to remedy the situation, Miller and his staff continue to perform their tasks. The committees can argue over different proposals week after week, but for Miller, the injuries cannot wait.



Miller is a welcome sight to injured athletes as he works to bring them back to a healthy stage. With all of the sports going on right now, Miller describes this as his busiest time of the year.